

Turnaround School Operators v. Lead Partners

Turnaround School Operator (TSO)

- The 2011-2012 will be an observational year, where TSOs will observe, evaluate and gather data to make informed decisions to best design an effective school model.
- TSOs will be given control of school operations in their entirety starting in the 2012-2013 school year.
- The TSO will receive the per pupil state funding that had previously gone to the School Corporation.
- Faculty and staff who work at a turnaround academy will be employed by the TSO, not the LEA.
- TSOs will receive a 4 year contract following the initial observational year to operate the school.

Lead Partner (LP)

- LPs will spend a few months integrating themselves into the school and assessing its needs, but will begin providing during the 2011-2012 school year.
- The School Corporation will remain in control of school operations and continue receiving the per pupil funding from the state.
- LPs will be funded throughout their contract through school improvement funds.
- Faculty and staff employed at a school with a LP will remain an employee of the School Corporation.
- LPs will provide targeted support to a school based on recommendations from IDOE. The LP will have autonomy to design the intervention identified in their contract.
- LPs will receive a one year contract, at this time renewable up to three years.

- All schools will continue to be evaluated under the state's accountability system as any other public school would.
- The School Corporation retains ownership of the school facilities.
- IDOE will support the implementation of these interventions with school improvement funds for the initial year.
- Contact the IDOE School Improvement and Turnaround Office at turnaround@doe.in.gov with any questions.